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**Black Rockfish Closure in the Afognak District of the Kodiak Area
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The directed commercial black rockfish fishery in the Afognak District of the Kodiak Area will close at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Catch reports indicate black rockfish harvest is approaching the total Afognak District guideline harvest level.

Following the closure, vessels may retain black rockfish in the Afognak District as bycatch, up to 5 percent by weight of the target species onboard. Jig vessel operators must contact ADF&G in Kodiak by phone or in person during regular business hours to change district registration.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Kodiak at 486-1840.